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Mr. B. R. Grant, Department of the Army  
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SUBJECT: NIS Production Planning

1. The NIS Production Priority List of 30 December was an attempt to rank the detailed NIS sections according to a priority for production as a guide to future NIS scheduling. The list was based upon the judgment of senior intelligence officers in CIA who were asked to rank countries according to their importance to U. S. national security interests, and topical coverage according to its importance in each country.

2. It was an exercise, a dry-run for what we hoped would be an expanded interest in developing a sound base for NIS scheduling. When the list was issued you agreed that the approach had merit and that its usefulness would be improved by wider representation of consumer requirements and a closer relationship to the concept of NIS production. I propose, therefore, that the NIS Committee undertake the development of a new NIS Production Priority List.

3. Committee members should recommend an appropriate representative of their respective departments or agencies to serve on an ad hoc interagency group whose task will be to develop this NIS Production Priority List. The representatives should be experienced senior professionals with a worldwide view. In addition to an independent determination of area and topical importance the group should also consider the specific questions of indicated consumer requirements and the appropriateness of NIS coverage.

4. The names of your representatives should be furnished to the Committee by the meeting of 31 May and the Executive Secretary will convene the group soon thereafter.

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